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SCHOOL BOARD AGAIN SNARLED

Charges Against President Spurlock Precipitate a Row—Some Interesting Developments Expected at To-nights Session.

The school board met at Central school building Saturday evening for the purpose of considering charges filed against William Spurlock, president of the board. After a heated discussion it was decided to hold the charges over until tonight, for the purpose of hearing further evidence.

The charges were not considered sufficiently specific by some members of the board, and it was finally decided to investigate the matter further and secure witnesses to appear before the board tonight. J. M. Brooks insisted that, considering the source from which the charges came, they were deserving of recognition but, as the point had been raised that the charges were not sworn to by the teacher that filed them, they should be held and made more specific.

Mr. Spurlock, in addressing the board, alleged that the affair had been wrought up merely through "spite work" and that the charges were false.

It had been reported that "Buck is the issue" in the present trouble, although it is not considered in this light by members of the board. The following statements were given out by members:

J. M. Brooks: "There is positively no fight against Prof. Buck, either by the board or the teachers. I find, from a careful canvass of the teachers, that Mr. Buck is considered a gentleman and that state that he is the best superintendent they ever worked for. I consider the attack of Spurlock on Buck outrageous. Buck is not under fire."

A. O. Farquharson: "I have nothing to say until the evidence is brought before the board. If the parties who testify sustain the charges, I, as a member of the board, would cast my vote to purify it, let it hit whom it may."

J. W. McNeal: "There is an element which brings Mr. Buck into the matter, but as far as this case is concerned he does not appear on the surface."

T. A. Neal: "I am sorry this has occurred during the school term, but I am anxious to see justice done, regardless of friendships."

The school board, according to the laws of the territory, can not remove Mr. Spurlock from the board, and all they can do is to request his resignation. Mr. Spurlock protests that he is entirely innocent of the charges brought against him and at Saturday's meeting said: "I am as anxious to have the charges looked into as any member of the board."

It is generally thought that the meeting tonight will settle the matter and the charges will either be sustained or President Spurlock will be exonerated.

The charges as filed with the board are as follows:

Guthrie, O. T., Mar. 24, 1904.
To the Board of Education, Guthrie, O. T.

Gentlemen: In view of the fact that W. M. Spurlock, president of the board of education, has most shamefully and flagrantly insulted the dignity and finer sensibilities of one of our most esteemed and highly respected teachers by threatening her that if she pursued a certain course which was not agreeable to said Spurlock, her position as teacher in the public schools of Guthrie would, as a result, be jeopardized to the extent that it would be taken from her, and that said action would extend to all teachers in her building without further notice on his part; and, further, in view of the fact that said threat was extended to one of the most faithful teachers under my charge and that said Spurlock did willfully present to a lady who was about to become an applicant for a

position and certificate in our schools, a list of the examination questions, to be used in the following examination, such act on his part being a gross violation of the oath he took when he became a member of this board; and, whereas, said Spurlock has been guilty of gross and ungentlemanly conduct toward some of our most noble and upright teachers, it is earnestly desired that said Spurlock resign his office as member of this board.

Very respectfully yours,
Alma Carson,
Principal Central School.

Labor

Union Endorses Edgar Jones and W. R. Hearst

The Guthrie Central Labor union, representing twenty unions in this city with an approximate membership of six hundred persons, in session this week endorsed the candidacies of Edgar W. Jones of this city, for delegate to congress, and Representative William Randolph Hearst, of New York, for the Democratic nomination for president. The resolutions were adopted unanimously, and are as follows:

Whereas, it being known to us that Edgar W. Jones of Guthrie, has been announced as a candidate for delegate to congress from Oklahoma and, whereas, the said Edgar W. Jones has at all times during his long residence in Oklahoma shown by his personal and official life to be in complete sympathy with the aims and ambitions of the great masses of the people, and by such conduct has had enlisted against him the corporate corrupt and professional, political influences, both within and without his own party, Therefore be it

Resolved, that we, the Guthrie Central Labor union, representing twenty unions in the city of Guthrie, with an approximate six hundred membership, do most heartily endorse the said Edgar W. Jones, in his present ambition, and pledge ourselves to use all honorable means to bring about both his nomination and election. And ask our friends of the different unions in Oklahoma for their consideration in his behalf.

T. W. Reed, Secretary.
T. L. Woodruff, President.

William Randolph Hearst.
Whereas, William Randolph Hearst, member of congress, from New York City, and editor of many great newspapers, devoted to the cause of humanity in general and workingmen in particular, is a candidate for the high office of president of the United States, and

Whereas, no sturdier, more persistent and courageous champion of labor exists in our country, and no man more deserving the support of the people on broad American lines, is now in public life, Therefore be it

Resolved, by the Guthrie Central Labor union, in meeting assembled in Guthrie, Okla., that we express our hearty endorsement and support of the candidacy of William Randolph Hearst for president of the United States and do all in our power to advance his interests.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be forwarded to Mr. Hearst.

Kansas Discussing Burton's Successor

(By Associated Press.)
Kansas City, Mo., March 28.—A special to the Star from Topeka says: Lawyers are here to see Governor Bailey regarding the conviction of Burton, as an immediate vacation of his seat and a contest for place will, it is believed, be commenced at once. "A judgment against a man in a case of this kind," said an ex-justice of the Kansas supreme court today, "is regarded by the courts as a conviction, in the meaning of the statutes, even though an appeal may be taken and the decision of a lower court subsequently be reversed."

Governor Bailey refuses to discuss the case.

Politicians close to the chief executive express the belief that the choice of Burton's successor lies between Fourth Assistant Postmaster General Bristow of Salina, or Cyrus Leland, Jr., former Republican national committeeman from Kansas.

Japanese

Apparently Have Plenty of Junk for Blockade Purposes

(By Associated Press.)
Tokio, March 28.—(4 p. m.)—A telegram from New Chwang this afternoon says that at 3 o'clock yesterday morning the Japanese succeeded in sinking four steamers at the mouth of Port Arthur harbor. A flotilla of destroyers convoyed the merchantmen, which were subsequently sunk, and rescued the volunteer crews. Later, the Japanese battleships bombarded the town and its defenses.

Eagle's Excursion a Success.

The excursion to El Reno yesterday under the auspices of the Eagles' lodge, proved a success in every particular. The train was chartered by the lodge and every member made the best of it. The train pulled out of the Santa Fe yards at 9 o'clock returning from El Reno at about the same hour in the evening. The St. Louis, El Reno and Western rendered the usual good service and another excursion is being talked of. About three hundred passengers were on board. Conductor Brice was there with his usual jolly, consequently everybody had a good time.

DEMOCRATIC CALL.
Logan County Central Committee Called to Meet April 9th.

To Members of Logan County Central Committee:

All members of the Logan County Democratic Central committee are hereby called to meet at the city hall, Guthrie, Saturday, April 9, at 2 o'clock p. m., for the purpose of fixing the time and place for holding primaries, and convention to select delegates to the territorial convention to be held at Anadarko, June 1.

Albert Ploger,
Chairman Democratic County Central Committee.

TO CREATE A COLONIZATION BUREAU.

Senator Hear Desires To Establish Worthy Families on Western Farms.

Washington, D. C., March 28.—A bill to create the colonization bureau and to provide for advances to actual settlers on the public domain, prepared by Commander Booth Tucker of the Salvation army, has been introduced in congress by Senator Hoar, of Massachusetts.

The proposition is briefly:

1. The formation of a colonization bureau, under the direction of a commissioner of colonization, in connection with the department of the interior.

2. The collection by the bureau of reliable information for would be settlers.

3. The advance to bona fide settlers of from \$500 to \$1,500 in cash or materials, for the purpose of enabling worthy but poor families to make homes for themselves upon the land.

4. The issue of 3 per cent fifty year gold bonds to the amount of \$50,000,000, not more than \$5,000,000 to be issued per year, for such colonization purposes.

5. The establishment of one side

worthy families on farms, which are not to exceed forty acres irrigated, and eighty acres non-irrigated land, to be paid for in easy installments.

The main objects of the bill are briefly:

1. In the words of President Roosevelt's recent message to congress, to "Give every man who wants it a chance to get a home on the land."

2. Again quoting the president's words, "To check the trend of population to the cities, and turn it back to the land, and thus safeguard against one of the greatest dangers that now confronts us in the maintenance of the permanence and stability of our social and political institutions."

3. To place the landless man on the landless land.

4. To place unemployed labor on unemployed land, by means of unemployed capital, and thereby convert this trifling waste into a unity of production.

5. To create what Emerson well calls the "Universal working man," thereby to use his words, "Solving the problem of life not for one but for all men."

6. To mitigate the friction between capital and labor by the provision of "that is known amongst French economists as the 'Detroit au travail'—the right to work."

7. To assist the worthy poor without pauperizing them. Not only would the money advanced be repaid, but interest be required. It would, in short, be a strictly business proposition in which charity would cut no figure.

8. To substitute the bona fide settler for the dummy homesteader, the speculator and the land grabber.

9. To prevent domestic, or the breaking up of the workingman's home.

10. To find a way out for the middle-aged workingman, who is at present not wanted by the employer, and who in case of losing his position finds it exceedingly difficult to get another.

LOCAL POINTS.

The Elks will give a dance at their hall Tuesday night.

Democratic meeting in Fourth ward—first session—Tuesday night.

Uniform Rank, Knight of Pythias will meet in regular assembly at the Armory on Harrison avenue tonight at 7:30 o'clock.

The two new rural routes which have recently been ordered for Alva, will start April 15th. Route No. 4 will run 14 miles southwest and return, and route No. 5 will go the same distance northwest.

There are 16,000 citizens in the Cherokee nation of which about 1,000 are negroes. There are already over forty thousand white people in the territory of the Creek nation.

Bert Goins, a young man of Princeton, Mo., had his foot cut off near Enid, on the Rock Island Sunday. He was attempting to board a moving train.

An expert at Shawnee says that no gas wells of any consequence have been found in Oklahoma or Indian territory. It might pay him to visit Artesville and Pawhuska.

An Alva man offers to sell a mocking bird for \$5. When an Oklahoman can have two or three in his yard for nothing, what's the use of buying one?

SENATOR BURTON FOUND GUILTY

Federal Jury Decides That the Kansas Man Did Things Which He Should Not Have Done, as it Were.

(By Associated Press.)
St. Louis, Mo., March 28.—Joseph R. Burton was convicted by a jury in the United States district court today on the charge of having accepted compensation to protect interests of the Rialto grain and securities company of St. Louis before the postoffice department. The jury deliberated forty-one hours.

A motion for a new trial was immediately filed by counsel for the senator. Judge Adams thereupon ordered that Senator Burton appear in the court room in person, or by proxy, at 1 o'clock from day to day, until the court has heard the arguments for a new trial and, if decided against him, to fix his punishment.

Kansas City, Mo., March 28.—A Star special says:

At the time word was received by the court that the jury had agreed and was ready with its verdict, Senator Burton had gone to the Southern hotel. A marshal was sent to notify him to appear in court. The senator came into the court room at ten minutes after 12. He had been sent for a half hour before and the long delay caused a rumor to spread that he had collapsed. Few people were in the court room when he entered. He took a seat by the side of his attorney, Mr. Lehmann, and looked the jurors in the face as they entered.

"Have you reached a verdict in this case?" asked the judge.

"We have," said the foreman.

"Hand it to the clerk," said the court.

Judge Adams looked at the verdict and said:

"You have made no disposition of count three."

"We have agreed as to that," said Charles Wall, the foreman.

The judge instructed the jurors to retire and include their findings as to count three in the written verdict.

During the fifteen minutes the jury was out not a word was spoken in the court room. A funeral service could not have been more solemn. Burton sat immovable, looking neither to right or left. The jury returned again at 12:26.

"We, the jury, find the defendant guilty on counts one, two, six, eight, and nine in the indictment, and not guilty on count three."

There was no perceptible change in the senator's countenance when the verdict was read. Judge Krum asked to have the jury polled. Each answered that the verdict was his own. Krum forthwith presented a motion for new trial. The court replied that a bond of \$5,000 was entirely sufficient. The court did not pass sentence.

The court, having adjourned, Burton calmly lit a cigar and, turning to his attorneys and his private secretary, Colonel W. W. Smith, began a conversation in a low tone. He appeared completely composed.

If today a verdict is sustained Burton will lose his seat in the senate and will forever be prohibited from holding any office of public trust.

Each count constitutes a separate offense and Burton could receive a penitentiary sentence of two years, or a ten thousand dollar fine on each count. Burton's conviction is the first under that section of the statute which was enacted by congress in 1864.

Washington, D. C., March 28.—Members of the senate committee on privileges and elections have discussed informally the conviction of Burton but until the matter comes before the committee the members are loath to give their personal views.

It will take formal action by the senate to declare Burton's seat va-

cant and this will not be done until the court of last resort has passed upon the case.

A PAINTING OF PIUS X.

Will Be a Part of the Oklahoma Exhibit at St. Louis.

The Oklahoma world's fair commission has received notice that a subject portrait of Pope Pius X. will be a part of the Oklahoma exhibit at the world's fair. The painting is the work of Don R. G. Gerrer, of El Reno, who has been a resident of Rome, Italy, the past four years. Mr. Gerrer moved to El Reno in 1891, and resided in that city until four years ago. Mr. Gerrer was selected to make this portrait on account of his ability and is the only artist so far that has been given a sitting by the pope. Mr. Gerrer's instructor insisted that the picture be made a part of the exhibit from Rome, but the Oklahoma artist insisted that it be made a part of the Oklahoma exhibit which will be done.

Desolation

Follows the Trail of High Water at Grand Rapids

(By Associated Press.)

Grand Rapids, Mich., March 28.—Although the water in Grand river, above this city, has receded somewhat, it remains stationary here and the residents are still suffering great privation. The city was in total darkness last night but the work of rescue continued all night and hundreds of persons, hungry and shivering with cold, were taken to places of refuge. Two persons are missing and probably have lost their lives in trying to reach places of safety. Their bodies may have been washed away by the current which flows through the streets. School houses and churches have been transformed into relief stations and every charitable organization in the city is busy caring for the homeless. The loss in the business district will reach several millions.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Of Inspector Ashton has returned from a trip to Chandler.

G. W. Roberts, traveling salesman for the Marshall Field company, is in Chicago.

Dr. Cowdick, secretary of the territorial board of health, was here from Enid today.

John Overholt, general superintendent of the Denver, Enid and Gulf railroad, was in the city today.

Judge E. G. Brownlee and wife of Kingfisher, spent Sunday in the city with Mr. and Mrs. Len F. Leach, Jr.

Mrs. R. M. Carr and son, Marian, left today for Pawnee for a two weeks visit with Mrs. Carr's parents.

The body of Dr. Mitchner, who was found dead in his room Thursday night, was taken to his former home, Newman, Illinois, this morning accompanied by an uncle, W. R. Henderson of that city.